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The future of Canada's game

They're small in stature but big on enthusiasm, these stars of Saturday's tournament hosted by Elk Point Micro Novice Tornados. The skills they learn in their home-town arenas could take some of these youngsters all the way to the NHL in future years, but for now, they're in the sport for the fun of friendly competition. More from the tournament on Page 12.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTO

Frog Lake opens Head Start building

By RACHEL DE WAAL
Journal Staff

Samira Waskahat, 3, pokes her head between the curtains of a toddler-sized puppet theatre, waving a hand puppet at her parents sitting on the floor in front of her.

"This is Dora," she declares.

Samira is playing with her brother Cash, 4, at one of the many centres in the new Head Start building in Frog Lake at its grand opening last Friday morning.

Before the ribbon-cutting ceremony, Chief Roland Quinney reminded councillors, staff and parents they were frontline workers in the community.

"(The children) have to learn how to build, communicate, respect one another and love one another," said Quinney.

"The future is in our hands."

A new facility for the Head Start program became necessary when a change in programming at the Health and Wellness Centre required the two bungalows the program had been using.

Health Canada fortunately had some money to fund another building for Head Start, said Karen Abraham-Tremblay, the health director for the Health and Wellness Centre.

"We're happy to have it," said Abraham-Tremblay, who has been working at the centre for 30 years.

Aboriginal Head Start is an early childhood development program, locally designed and administered, that prepares children for school by meeting their spiritual, emotional, intellectual and physical needs.

"We have all the six components from Health Canada," said Theresa Wade, coordinator for the program.

Those core areas include education and school readiness, aboriginal culture and language, parental involvement, health promotion, nutrition and social support.

The program runs from Tuesdays to Thursdays, between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m., and each morning an elder comes in to smudge with the children and they recite nursery rhymes in Cree.

The children are also taught their numbers and letters and develop skills while playing at the various centres, including the computer centre, the music centre and the sand and water centre.

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Economic development course provides a wealth of information

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

"It's not how much we know, but how much we don't know," Chamber of Commerce vice-president Shirley Harms told members at last Wednesday's regular meeting. "Sixteen people in Elk Point know a whole bunch more about economic development than they did before January 28."

Harms noted several points of interest from the economic development course hosted by the Chamber and facilitated by Walter de Silva on January 28 and 29.

"We need to fix our problems, be determined to go ahead, be mindful of the past and work with all the resources we have available to us - human resources, natural resources and financial resources," Harms said.

Participants discovered that, "to know what our problems are and where we need to go, we first need to build a database of information. When we have that information, it will lead us in a direction that we need to go," Harms said, noting it is important to involve the whole community in this. "It's community development, not economic development."

The process involves "jobs for everyone," Harms said. "The Town needs to look after infrastructure, Council needs to lead, and the Chamber needs to encourage business and provide a healthy environment. It's the Chamber's job to assist businesses by making them aware of programs, and no meeting should ever take place unless there is information to present." She added that organizations also need to be involved, to help determine what the community needs and can support.

Training for "front staff - they're the first contacts": in meeting the public and "telling everyone what's going on

here" is essential, Harms said. "Everyone needs to know what's in Elk Point and what's happening. Don't keep what we're doing a secret."

An important factor of the workshop was learning that numerous grants are available from every area of government. "There are ways to turn \$5,000 into \$25,000," Harms affirmed.

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- Shirley Harms

Determining what companies in the area need, whether tradespeople or certain types of employees, is also important, and Harms feels "the Chamber needs a liaison to approach the companies - who cares whether they are Chamber members or not? We need to make the Chamber so enticing that everyone will want to join."

Projects "need to be acceptable to the community. We need to share, share information and to use the huge resources that are available to us within this community. We need to support each other, use people that are knowledgeable, use our own resources from within. We need to fix the past problems and weaknesses. Community development starts here."

Lastly, Harms said, "economic development is not a flash in the pan. It's a long term goal. We need to stay the course. It won't happen overnight. And when we have success, we need to reward and celebrate. We are going to change this community."

The Chamber and its economic development committee

are not doing this alone, Harms emphasized.

"We need to work together with Council, municipalities, businesses and groups, and together we will change it - not for a few people, but for everyone. People will want to live in Elk Point. People will want to visit Elk Point, and the oil companies will have something to cheer about when they hear the words Elk Point."

The evenings of March 27 and 29 have been set for an economic development exercise known as a SWOT, where the community's strengths, weaknesses, opportunities and threats are listed and analyzed. These sessions will be open to the public, and Town councillor Thomas Kondla feels this may well be "the most important four hours in the future of Elk Point."

More information on the SWOT session will be announced at the Chamber's annual general meeting on February 15, beginning at 6:00 p.m. at the Empress.

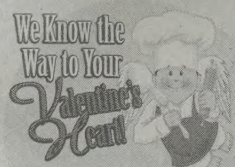
Harms noted that the Chamber's 2006 executive will be selected at the AGM, and "all offices are available," although the current president, Sandy Smith, treasurer Lesia Porcina and secretary Vicki Brooker have agreed to let their names stand for reelection. Harms said she is stepping down and "the vice-president's position will be open." She said that running for a Chamber office is an opportunity to become "part of a very aggressive chamber which is able to help the community in a very organized fashion. You will be in a position to make a difference."

Harms encouraged everyone to attend the AGM, which has a "very full agenda" which includes guest speaker, Mayor Pat Burns of Hanna, where considerable community development has taken place in recent years. "It's going to be a great year, a very positive year, and we need strong decision-making people," in the Chamber.



Frog Lake elder Veronica Waskahat cuts the ribbon at the grand opening of the new building for the Head Start Program last Friday. Standing with her are Coun. Cliff Stanley, Chief Roland Quinney, Health Canada rep Shiela Verbonac, health centre director Karen Abraham-Tremblay and Head Start coordinator Theresa Wade.

RACHEL DE WAAL PHOTOS



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Health Canada representatives Sandra Lamouche, far left, and Shiela Verbonac, far right, bring a gift for the grand opening of the new Head Start program building in Frog Lake. Accepting the gift are Head Start coordinator Theresa Wade, second from left, and health director Karen Abraham-Tremblay.



Problems to progress: Trail supporters meet in Mallaig

By VICKI BROOKER
Staff Writer

Where will the Iron Horse Trail be in five years? An enthusiastic group of trail supporters from all

three branches of the trail met in Mallaig on Sunday and came up with a list of goals in a workshop facilitated by Heather Nickel of Alberta Community Devel-

opment. An acceptable surface for all trail users topped the wish list, with uniform policies on management, maintenance and usage throughout the length of the trail a close second. Long-term user and multi-agency funding to support a sustainable trail system was an important factor, as was identification as a multi-use tourism destination for all seasons.

Further down the list, but still important, were improved trail user education promoting responsible and enjoyable use, improved access to other trails, communities and tourism destinations, and integration of the northeast region for maximized recreation and economic opportunities.

The day started with background information on the history of the trail, provided by Riverland Recreational Trail Society president Marvin Bjornstad.

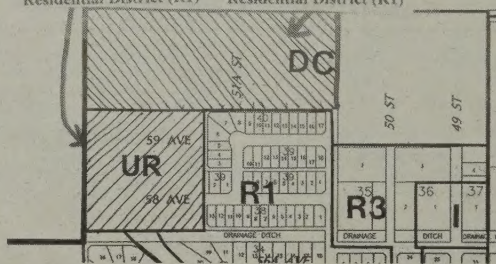
Bjornstad said the first portion, from Heinsburg to Elk Point, was developed after the County of St. Paul purchased the rail line and a large gravel pit from CN Rail after the line was abandoned. A community group formed to look after the 34-kilometre stretch, dubbed the Iron Horse Trail, evolved into RRTS as more rail line was abandoned.

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Town of Elk Point Notice of Public Hearing Re: Bylaw No 634/06

TAKE NOTICE that pursuant to the Municipal Government Act, R.S.A. 2000, as amended, the Council of the Town of Elk Point proposes to adopt Bylaw No. 634/06, as amendment to the Land Use Bylaw 622/03 for the Town to change:

Urban Reserve (UR) to Direct Control (DC) to Residential District (R1) Residential District (R1)



Please TAKE NOTICE that on February 20, 2006 at 7:00 p.m. at the Council Chambers of the Town of Elk Point in the Town's Administration Office located at 4914 - 50 Avenue, a Public Hearing will be held to hear from anyone who feels they may be affected by the proposed amendment.

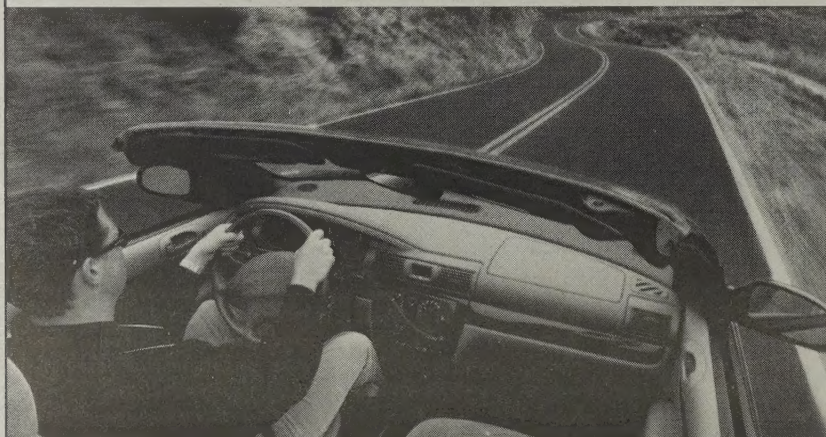
Anyone wishing to be heard either directly or on someone else's behalf may make oral representation at the Public Hearing. Written submissions are acceptable and must be delivered prior to the Public Hearing to the Administration Office address indicated above.

At the Public Hearing, the Mayor shall direct to hear representation first from the applicant, then from those property owners who claim to be directly affected by the proposed disposal, followed by any other person who wishes to make representation.

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Extra night added for Community Choir's "Beverly Hillbillies"

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

We don't know if it's the lure of our local crude oil, but the Hillbillies are coming back to town, and they're staying an extra night.

With ticket for all eight nights of their 2006 dinner theatre presentation, "The Beverly Hillbillies," sold out, the wonderful response has prompted the Elk Point Community Choir to add an unprecedented

ninth night to the lineup.

With the addition of a Sunday, March 5 performance, Community Choir spokesman Don Conrad says, "this will be our largest audience ever. We will have sold 1.650 tickets if the added night sells out."

Included in those audiences are "large groups coming in from surrounding communities," Conrad says. "We have busloads coming from Vilna, St. Paul, Bonnyville and

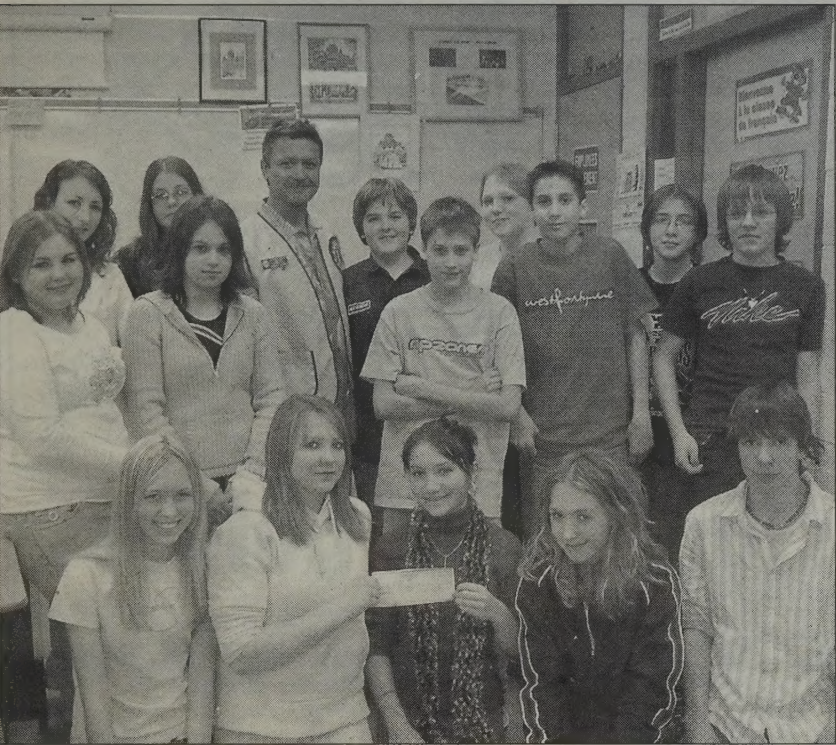
Glendon."

Two of the stars of the group's 1995 hit of the same title - Linda Grabas as Grannie and Don Conrad as Jed Clampett - will head the cast of the new production, which Conrad says has "a musical flair," with six original musical numbers giving it "a little different twist. Udo Mueller is writing the music for it."

The dinner theatre will again be held in

the Elk Point Elks Hall, and since a busy calendar at that venue doesn't allow them to bring in their stage until February 12, Conrad says "we only have two and a half weeks with the stage to get the props and backdrops in place before opening night. That's the toughest part."

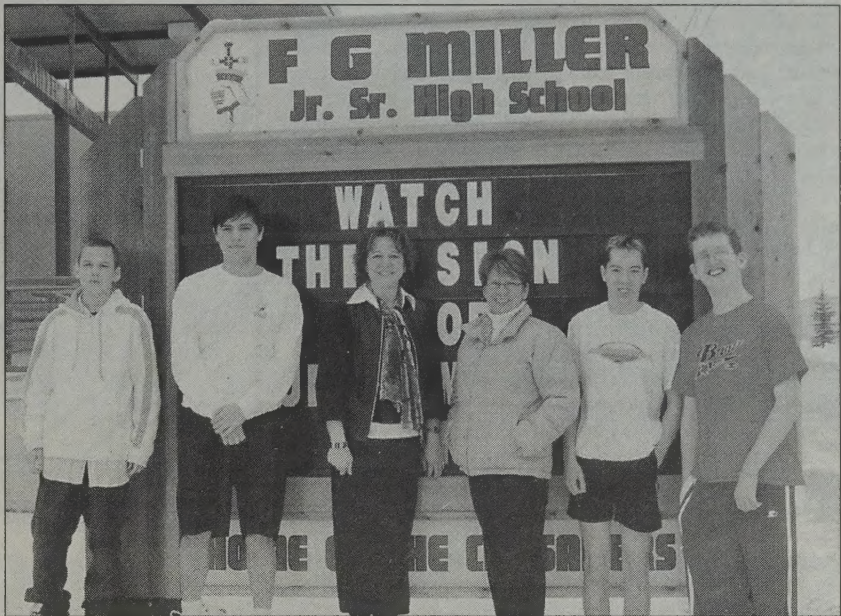
The Beverly Hillbillies opens Friday, March 3, and runs March 4, 5, 10, 11,12,17,18 and 19. Enjoy!



Lions contribute to Quebec exchange

Leonard Gadowski of Elk Point and District Lions Club visited Madame Pentek's Grade 8 French class, who are part of the F. G. Miller French Club, last Thursday to present a \$500 cheque toward the club's Quebec exchange trip in 2007.

SANDIE BISHOP PHOTO



What's happening at the High School?

That question will be answered from now on, for the whole community to see, on F. G. Miller's handsome new sign along 51 Street. The crew in charge of keeping the sign information up to date includes, left to right, Andrew Gosselin, Harley Ray Delorme., vice-principal Cheri Lindquist, school secretary Donna Gulayec, Jeffrey Young, and Graham Zarowny.

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If you can't say anything nice...

The power of the press all too obviously includes the power of cartoonists, as well as that of those who write the news and columns.

That a cartoon would cause an eruption of violence and hatred half a world away is a long way from being funny.

The artist obviously has the right to think as he or she likes, but even when those thoughts are brought out in front of the public on an opinion page, their creator has to know it will hurt someone's feelings and offend many others. Even if that artist means to put a point across in a strong fashion, it's hard to justify doing so if it can potentially raise enough ire to cause a riot in which people are hurt or killed.

Did the cartoonist sneak the offensive material by an editor or publisher while they were gone for coffee, or did the editor or publisher agree with the sentiment expressed? Even if they did agree, they should have thought before they printed it.

Sometimes, saying what you think is just not worth it.

On the other hand, sometimes it is.

Such an occasion is coming up on Valentine's Day, when Rev. Dale Lang comes to town to speak on the horrifying school shooting which cost the life of his son.

It's not what a person would normally think of to do on Valentine's Day, but it is a matter dear to the heart of most of us: the safety of our children, and of their children. If we can learn something from that tragedy that will keep similar violence from happening again, that value outweighs all the roses and chocolate hearts money can buy.

WAY BACK WHEN...

Wells, weaning and winners

HERE'S THE NEWS THAT MADE THE HEADLINES OF THE ELK POINT REVIEW AND LAKELAND REVIEW FOR THE WEEK OF FEBRUARY 7 IN....

1986

Plans for a multi-million-dollar project which included reduced well spacing, a cleaning facility and a large office facility were unveiled by Pan Canadian Petroleum, with Area Foreman of Production Operations Bill Jennissen indicating that work on the office structure would begin later in the month. A mammoth crowd of 208 snowmobile enthusiasts, 164 of them drivers, took part in the Elk Point and District Lions Club snowmobile rally.

1991

The 1991 Chamber of Commerce president, Dave Yake was sworn in by Alberta Chamber of Commerce president Wilfred Barranok, who said that both the Chamber and the members themselves "must wean themselves of grants and be community-driven." Norcen Energy Resources announced plans for 35 new wells in 1991, adding to their existing 370-well total.

1996

Increased funding for ECS programming was announced by Education Minister Halvar Jonson, but St. Paul Regional School Division vice-chair Ray Danyluk said the increase did not bring funding back to the level it was before cuts were made in 1994. Wayne Hanson skipped the winning rink in the Elk Point Men's Open Bonspiel, defeating Don Anderson's foursome in the final.

2001

The home-town Jorvik rink, skipped by Steve Penz, won the 18th Annual Oilmen's Bonspiel over the Ashlin K Transport rink skipped by Kris Fruin. A graduate of F. G. Miller High School, Clare Gauvreau, became the new publisher of the Elk Point Review and the St. Paul Journal, where she was the editor in the 1980s and early 1990s.



Sticks, stones and bullies

Although next Tuesday is Valentine's Day, it will also be a special day in Elk Point for another reason. Rev. Dale Lang from Taber, Alberta will be speaking to the high school students in the afternoon as well as in the evening at 7 p.m. in the Seniors' Recreation Centre. Some of you may not remember any details about Rev. Lang. Rev. Lang is the father of Jason Lang who was shot in April, 1999. What happened was that a 14-year-old boy entered W. R. Myers High School in Taber, shot and killed 17-year-old Jason Lang and badly wounded his 17-year-old friend. The Taber incident received wide coverage in Canada and around the world because the week before, on April 29, 1999, a student massacre occurred at Columbine High School in Jefferson County, Colorado, near Denver and Littleton, Colorado in the United States. Two teenage students, Eric Harris and Dylan Klebold, carried out a shooting rampage, killing 12 fellow students and a teacher as well as wounding 24 others, before committing suicide. It is considered to be the deadliest school shooting, and the second deadliest attack on a school in US history.

The massacre provoked intense debate regarding gun control laws and the availability of firearms in the United States. Much discussion also centered on the nature of high school cliques and bullying, as well as the role of violent movies and video games in American society. Several of the victims who were believed to have been killed due to their religious beliefs became a source of inspiration to others, notably Christians, and led some to lament the decline of religion in public education and in society in general. The shooting also resulted in an increased emphasis in school security, and a moral panic aimed at Goth culture, heavy metal music, social pariahs, the use of pharmaceutical

antidepressants by teenagers, violent films and violent video games.

The result of intense research of this incident indicated that there were early warning signs as early as 1996 when Eric Harris created a private website on America Online. The original site was set up to host Doom levels that he and Klebold had created, mainly for friends. This did not become an issue until late 1997, when Jefferson County Sheriff's Office investigator Michael Guerra was notified of the site after the parents of Harris' former friend, Brooks Brown, discovered that Harris was posting death threats aimed at their son. Guerra discovered the website also contained violent threats directed at the students and teachers who attended Columbine High School. Other material included blurbs Harris had written concerning his hatred of society in general and his desire to kill those who annoyed him. As the date of the shooting neared, Harris also began

noting the completion of pipe bombs on his site, as well as a gun count and 'hit list' of individuals he wished to target, although it never mentioned his overall plot.

As in anything, hindsight is always 20/20 and so the question becomes: "Why wasn't this whole thing stopped, since there was all this warning?" This same question can be asked with what happened at the Taber High School. Was there warning? Maybe Rev. Lang can tell us.

New studies indicate that childhood bullying leads to workplace bullying, that children who are victims of bullies often become victims as adults. Studies show bullies tend to be aggressive, unimaginative, insecure and controlling. Bullies themselves also tend to be unpopular, both in schools and in the workplace. They maintain relationships (if not friendships) by displays of strength, by inducing fear to gain respect. When childhood bullies become adults they are more likely to have criminal records. With all of this information, it becomes important for us to become informed so we will be able to understand the situation and possibly come to grips with how to prevent any future happenings.

Come and hear what Rev. Lang will tell us on Tuesday, February 14 at 7:00 p.m. at the Seniors' Recreation Centre.

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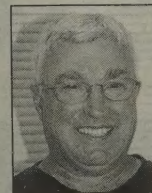
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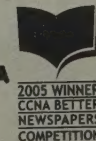


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Tiger's Pride winners focus on empathy

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

The students at Elk Point Elementary School have been "working on lots of virtues over the past few months," according to teacher Rob Boyd, who welcomed students and special guests to last Thursday's school assembly.

In January, the focus was on empathy, and this month, the focus is on "a virtue called self-control. Most of you would choose good behaviour, so you'd choose the right thing," Boyd said. "Every day you see people doing things you may not think are right. You are left with the choice of following along down paths you might not want to take, or showing good self-control. To have self control, you have to be strong enough, bold enough and be your own person. We have all kinds of people in society, and some could definitely make better choices."

Boyd offered examples of self-control, such as choosing not to run in the halls of the school and to avoid contact in sports, and encouraged everyone to exhibit this virtue.

EPE librarian Diane Dewan acknowledged the Grade 3A class, who helped to draw the names of January's winners, who were all observed exhibiting empathy during the month. She introduced Doug Bassett, who announced the winners:

KA - Travis Scarfe, for being responsible in the classroom;

KB - Hayden Gunderson for being respectful to his teacher;

1A - Nikita Siemers, for being a responsible student;

1B - Brodin Ference, for being responsible toward another student;

2A - Leanna Gibson, for being kind and helpful toward her teacher;

2B - Hannah Ludlage, for being kind and caring toward her classmates;

3A - Alexis Bristow - for being caring toward another classmate;

3B - Faith Ziomek, for being responsible in the library;

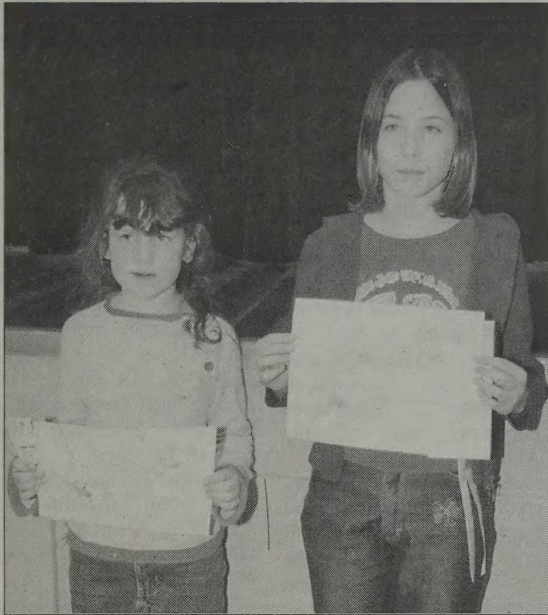
4A - Jared McGilvery, for being responsible in the classroom;

4B - Haylee Ference, for being helpful with the other kids;

5A - Zachary Friesen, for being respectful in the classroom;

5B - Brittney Heathcote, for being responsible in the classroom;

6A - Chelsea Botting, for being caring and kind with



Repeat Tiger's Pride winners Hayley Vinge and Jodi Kalynchuk proudly show off their invitations to lunch with principal Lorne Young.

another classmate; and **6B** - Kyle Porcina, for being responsible in the classroom.

The January awards were sponsored by TD Canada Trust and Jorvik. Signatures Collision and Frame will sponsor the February awards.

Two repeat winners, Jodi Kalynchuk and Hayley Vinge, will be privileged to enjoy pizza with Principal Lorne Young.

Bassett's other role at the assembly was to introduce the members of the Elk Point Atom Avalanche hockey team, who were scheduled to play their first game in the second round of provincial playoffs early that evening. The team lined up on stage to receive three rousing cheers from their classmates. Bassett also called for a round of applause for the members of other local minor hockey teams who were in the audience.

VICKI BROOKER PHOTOS



The mark of the tiger is on the handsome toques worn by January Tiger's Pride winners, who were observed exhibiting empathy to their teachers and fellow students during the month, and whose names were drawn from numerous entries in each classroom.



Three cheers for Atom Avalanche! Sportsound Doug Bassett introduced the members of Elk Point Atom Avalanche as they prepared for the first game of their two-game, total-point provincial series against Smoky Lake.

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Kevin and Janice Wirsta of K-Cow Ranch proudly display the Farmfair International 2005 Grand Champion Polled Hereford Bull banner won by K-Cow Nacho Man 36N, who later won national honours at Agribition in Regina.

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K-Cow Ranch big on the Polled Hereford scene

By VICKI BROOKER
Review Staff

A young ranch family in the Stony Lake area is making a big name for themselves in Polled Hereford circles.

Kevin and Janice Wirsta's K-Cow Ranch is the home to the National Polled Hereford grand champion bull, K-Cow Nacho Man 36N, who swept the shows at Edmonton Northlands Farmfair and Regina Agribition last year.

Kevin said the national championship, coming hard on the heels of the Farmfair grand championship and the Agribition senior champion

and grand champion titles, was a perfect end to a great show year.

"You don't get better than that."

Nacho Man went on to compete as the only Polled Hereford included in the Royal Bank of Canada's Supreme All-Breeds Championship competition, where Kevin says, "he got pulled out for the top 10 from a huge class - I don't even know how many bulls were in that ring."

Nacho Man also accumulated points towards the Canadian All-Star Polled Hereford championship at every show where he com-

peted in 2005, and ended up as the reserve champion.

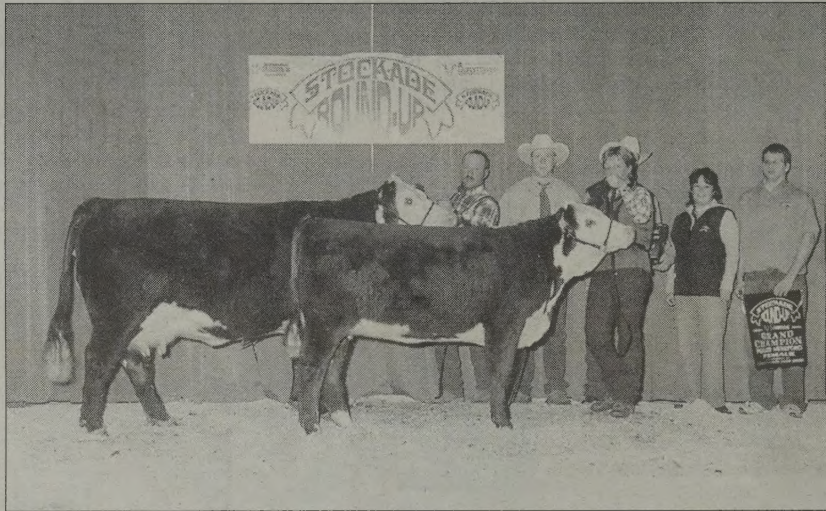
This was the second successful year for the bull, who was the grand champion bull at Lloydminster Stockade Roundup and the reserve junior champion bull at Farmfair in 2004.

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K-Cow's females were in the spotlight at Lloydminster Stockade Roundup, where K-Cow Minnie 3M, shown with her 2005 heifer calf, K-Cow Ricaby 31R, was named the grand champion female and K-Cow Peppy Belle 53P the reserve champion female.

Kevin Wirsta of K-Cow Ranch shows K-Cow Minnie 3M while wife Janice is at the halter of K-Cow Ricaby 31R, the cow-calf pair winning the 2005 Grand Champion Polled Hereford Female class at Lloydminster Stockade Roundup.

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February 18 - Of unclaimed merchandise for Cold Lake Movers. Sale to be held at Kryzanowski Auction Barn. 1-1/2 miles south of Glendon, 10:30 am. Full listing in next week's paper.

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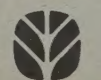
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Science fair, Literacy Day at Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive School

By MARY JANE QUINNEY
Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive School

It has been a busy week at Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive School. Students started the week with preparations for the School Science Fair. By Wednesday morning the final touches were added and at 10:30 the formal evaluation of projects began. We were honored to have local company representatives to judge our entries. Thank you to Murray Cochrane (Buffalo Oil), Vaughn Baldwin and

Still time for nominations for seniors awards

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Albertans have until Feb. 28 to nominate an individual or organization for the 2006 Minister's Seniors Service Awards.

The awards recognize those who provide exemplary volunteer service to seniors and help them remain active in their communities.

For the ninth annual awards, more than 2,000 nomination packages have been distributed throughout the province to organizations that work with seniors.

Albertans of all ages and Alberta organizations that voluntarily support seniors can be nominated.

"I encourage people across the province to nominate an outstanding Albertan or organization for their service to seniors," said Yvonne Fritz, minister of Seniors and Community Supports. "By nominating someone today, you are helping to honour them for improving the lives of older Albertans."

To get a copy of the nomination forms or more information on the 2006 Seniors Service Awards, call toll-free 1-800-642-3853 or 427-7876 in Edmonton and area, or visit the Alberta Seniors and Community Supports website at www.seniors.gov.ab.ca.

Award recipients will be recognized at a special ceremony during Seniors' Week 2006, from June 5 to 11.

Coming up...

A Healthy Alberta Communities orientation meeting will be held in the basement meeting room at St. Paul Town office, Tuesday, February 14, from 9:30 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Lunch will be provided.

Kevin Macdonald (CNRL), and Greg Fuller (E-Can). Also judging were Doreen Moyah RN and Beatrice Cross B Ed. and our elder Doris Okanee.

Winners of the Chief Napeweaw Comprehensive Science Fair were:

Grade 4: 1st - Volcano by Justine Stanley, Kayla Dion, Rochelle Smith; 2nd - Amazing Rolling Can By Tyrel Scanie, Rylan Buffalo, Graham Quinney; 3rd - Magnets by Tessa Quinney, Chelsey MacAdams.

Grade 5: 1st - Flash Dancer by Colby Stanley, Joey Berland, Chase John; 2nd - Penny Magic by Rayel Berland, Rayna Quinney; 3rd - Volcano by Amber Stanley, Rolanda Quinney.

Grade 6: 1st - North Star by Jessica Henderson, Lisa Quinney; 2nd - Dreamcatchers by Melissa McCarthy, Tiffany Quinney, Destiny Deschamps; 3rd - Medicine Wheel by Shanea Quinney, Tia Scanie and Ramona Quinney.

Grade 8: 1st - Mountain Weather effects by Keestin O'Dell, Victor Jackson; 2nd - Nervous System by Peter Jackson, Jordan White, Stephanie Castor; 3rd - Dams by Hailey Paul, Brendon Castor, Waylon Moyah.

On Thursday Chief Napeweaw students had guests from Big Island Lake and Goodsoil to compete in a Floor Hockey Tournament. Goodsoil won the A side while Frog Lake won the B side. A great time was had by all.

On Friday we culminated the week with Family Literacy Day. Parents and children were treated to a pancake breakfast, and then parents, brothers and sisters teamed up to read together.

At 11:00 we had a show case of talent with Amber Stanley, Rolanda Quinney and Jessica Henderson performing a dance routine. Next were Rayel Berland and Rayna Quinney singing "Believe." Ramona

Quinney and Lisa Quinney sang "So Yesterday." Cali Cross and Loretta Berland sang "Don't Tell Me." Finally Kristen Singer performed "Complicated." The event ended with staff and students practicing the Seven Step.

After lunch the students were treated to a mini powwow where the dance troupe and hoop dancers performed. Richard Cross, a men's traditional dancer, spoke of his experiences on the Powwow trail.

It was a very enjoyable week for the staff, parents and students of Frog Lake.



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Aspen health announces new president and CEO

By CHRISTOPHER SUN

Westlock News

A successor to Bob Cable has been found as the Aspen Regional Health Authority announced their new president and CEO last week.

"I'm very excited about coming to Aspen," said Andrew K. Will, who will start his new post with Aspen on April 24. "As I progressed through the recruitment process, the excitement grew."

Will accepted the position early last week after a final interview with the Aspen health board on Jan.

26.

Will, 34, is currently CEO of the Cypress Regional Health Authority in Swift Current, Sask., and has been there since its inception in August 2002.

Will holds a BA in commerce and started his career in healthcare as an assistant administrator for a private long-term care home in Burnaby, B.C. He then moved back to Saskatchewan to take a CFO position, soon becoming CEO of various northern Saskatchewan health districts.

Some of Will's accomplishments include presiding over the amalgamation of three Saskatchewan health districts into one, becoming head of it, and construction of a new hospital.

Will said he is proud of his achievements, but felt it was time to move on as he craved something more challenging.

"Going to Aspen is a good career move," Will said. "It's a fairly large regional health authority. It has a very strong reputation as an effective health region."

"He brings to us what we're looking for," said Aspen chair Bob Jackson. "We're looking forward to working with him."

Jackson declined to comment on specifics as to what Will had over other candidates, saying only that Will was the best fit.

Though Will starts his new job in Westlock in late April, his family won't join him until June, after the school year ends. His wife Karen is a high school teacher and they have two school-aged children, Amanda, 8, and Tyler, 5.

Will had never been to Westlock prior to being interviewed for this position.

He has since visited the area three times, the last time with his family. Though he's leaving behind friends and family, he said this is an exciting time for he and his family. As well, he found the landscape here similar to what he's used to in northern Saskatchewan.

Though it was too early for Will to talk about what ideas and possible changes are in store for the region, when he arrives, he will have a full plate.

A 10-year master plan for hospitals in Westlock, Bonnyville and Cold Lake is being worked on, plans to expand hospitals in Barrhead, Lac La Biche,

Edson and Whitecourt are in the works, and amalgamation of the many Westlock administration offices into one new building is being planned.

Will replaces Cable, who had been president and CEO of the health region since its inception 12 years ago. Cable officially announced his retirement in October and his last day was Jan. 27.

Interviews with the final two candidates were held in-camera on Jan. 26 for most of the day and Will came out as the board's choice.

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By DAPHNE SCHNURER
Librarian

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Announcements

Obituary

BARWICK, Grace Elizabeth



Grace passed away peacefully on Sunday, January 29, 2006 at the age of 92.

She leaves to mourn two daughters: Karen (Paul) Coulter of Ardmore, Lorna (Len) Lafrance of Edmonton; seven grandchildren: Terry (Debra) Pelechovsky, Brenda (Fred) Brouwer, Jim Pelechovsky and Don (Trish) Pelechovsky, all of Cold Lake, Tom (Bonnie) Ross of Parkville, BC, Mark (Kim) Lafrance of Edmonton, Dave (Vicki) Lafrance of Slave Lake and fourteen great-grandchildren. She was predeceased by her husband Ronald in 1991.

The family wishes to thank those who helped to make her last years happier: her many long-time friends of Elk Point, the management and staff of Heritage Lodge in Elk Point and most recently the staff of the Auxiliary Hospital in Bonnyville.

Cremation has taken place. A private burial of her remains and celebration of her life will take place at a later date. Memorial donations can be made to the United Church of Elk Point where she worshipped for 50 years or to the charity of one's choice.

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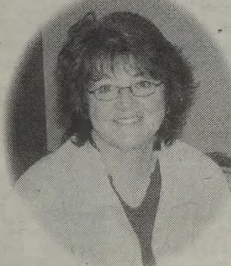
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Iron Horse Trail

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Ten municipalities formed a non-profit company known as Muni-Corr, who after lengthy negotiations took ownership of the Bonnyville-Coronado line. The question of whether a trail should be established on the abandoned line drew more debate than did the municipal candidates in the 2001 general election, Bjornstad said.

"We did win the election in five out of six municipalities."

The trail was officially opened on June 8, 2003, and was designated as part of the Trans Canada Trail in the final days of 2004.

RRTS now has an agreement with Muni-Corr in place until 2012 to operate the trail, and last year signed an agreement to develop staging areas. Alberta TrailNet, the Alberta Snowmobile Association, Western Economic Diversification and the communities have all played a part in funding improvements such as signage. A product club that is part of the Lakeland Destination Marketing Organization has taken on the role of marketing and promotion of the trail.

Bjornstad said "we have a very healthy representation" on a committee appointed to put trail legislation in place" for Alberta, "People look to us to lead the way."

Northeast Muni-Corr president Robert Bouchard added more details on the negotiations with CN which led to acquiring the rail line.

"Our intent was to get the land for a tax receipt. They wanted \$1.5 million in cash." Muni-Corr also wanted a donation toward development, "and if they couldn't give us cash, we wanted every parcel they owned." Eventually after "tremendous discussion" regarding reclamation, CN agreed with the Muni-Corr requests.

Next came a move to save the 18 trestles along the line, and after fur-

K-Cow

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K-Cow Reno 21R, a daughter of Nacho Man, won the heifer calf class championship. This was the second Roundup grand championship in a row for Minnie, who also took the title in 2004.

Minnie's daughter, K-Cow Ricaby 31R, was named reserve champion heifer calf at Farnfair, while another Nacho Man daughter, K-Cow Rico 49R, was a class winner.

This was the third trip to Agribition and the second to Farnfair for the K-Cow show string, and came at the end of a show circuit that also included the Calgary summer show.

K-Cow Ranch was named both the Premier Breeder and the Premier Exhibitor at Lloydminster this year, titles the ranch also won last year at Farnfair in their first year of showing there.

"I like to come out with a bang," Kevin says of the 2004 wins. "We've had quite the accomplishments over the few years we've been showing Polled Herefords."

Sale results also have been positive. At the Canadian Polled Hereford sale in Olds in early December, a bull calf sired by Nacho brought \$3,400, a heifer calf brought \$4,000 and two purebred heifers bred to Nacho brought \$3,900 and \$3,000, for a four-head average of \$3,575.

K-Cow Ranch was established in 1999, when Kevin, a purebred Polled Hereford breeder since 1990, married Janice Taylor of Poplar Bluff Stock Farm, where she grew up raising purebred Charolais. The couple now calves out over 200 purebred Polled Hereford, Charolais, Black Angus and commercial cows.

"We've got a few on the ground already this year, and there's a calf out of Nacho we're hoping will be another champion."

ther negotiations, CN installed decking and fencing on the structures and turned them over to Muni-Corr.

"We got \$5 million worth, and CN became a very willing partner. They even paid us to grade the line. From our first meeting to the official opening, there was a big change of attitude on both sides."

With the historical perspective addressed, Nickel asked the stakeholders to share input on problems currently facing the trail which need to be addressed in the immediate future.

Maintenance issues, including dust control, mowing, rocks and rough spots, along with safety concerns regarding ramps, gates and guardrails, topped the list. Other items needing to be addressed are uniform bylaws, abuse, including that by users taking the wrong equipment on the trail, highway signage indicating trail crossings, expanding connections with other trails and points of interest, creation of community awareness and strengthening of the stewardship program. More and sustainable funding, along with "more volunteers," also made the list.

Nickel's second session asked participants for input into their vision of the trail in 2012. The resulting goals and ideas were grouped and an overall statement developed for each group, then prioritized by participants who each "spent" a strip of seven coloured dots on their top priorities.

The final exercise involved listing possible ways to obtain each goal, the steps to be taken, timelines, resources and methods of determining success.

The information collected during the workshop will be provided to the Muni-Corr and RRTS directors as well as to the municipalities, for use

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"Boom, Boom, out go the lights!" During the Micro Novice tournament on Saturday afternoon, the power bumps would shut off the arena lights, sometimes for five minutes or so, but this didn't affect the game or the players who thought it was just great playing in the dark. What goes bump in the night? How about the Micro Novice Tornados!

These guys are like bumper cars, they chase after the puck and hit each other and then they all fall down. This team has come a long way since the first of the season when they would be

skating holding on to the boards, thanks in part to assistant coach "Big Al" Ference, who had them all fired up during the first game against Marwayne. Brodin Ference and Dylan Odgaard scoring hat tricks, singles for Hayden Gunderson and Brody Odgaard, assist by Austin Stafford. In the second game, Brodin Ference lighting it up for four goals, and scoring her first goal ever, Breanna Rainey, Jewel Poitras and Chansie Botting assisting. A trophy, a hot dogs, chips, prizes and pop for everyone and a great job by team manager Wanda Rainey and the entire group of first-time hockey parents, manning the concession, the raffle table and tying skates. Right on, right on, right on!

The Atom Avalanche have worked hard all week at practice, in fact they had a guest help them at practice, to prepare for the second round of provincials against Smoky Lake on Thursday night. But the boys and girls were in a tough defensive battle, tied two-all after 40 minutes on goals by Trever "the Kid" Ballas and Logan "Back checker" Becker. Smoky Lake scored two unanswered goals in the third.



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Two goals don't mean a thing, especially at this level. This is a true story - I was there. In 1995 our boys, the Bantam Lightning, went to Smoky Lake down five goals and came home winning the series, scoring six unanswered goals in Smoky Lake. That same team went on to win the provincial gold, so don't think it can't be done, because it has been done before.

During Tuesday's practice the boys were honored to have Mark "the Marksman" Letestu come out and work with them. Mark is the team captain for the Bonnyville Pontiacs and is the league-leading scorer in AJHL. Not only did he hand out pointers and autographs but he also passed out 60 tickets to a Pontiacs' game. At Christmas time the boys had another former Atom Avalanche player, Kevin "the Iceman" Moneta help them at practice. Kevin is a power forward and plays for the Camrose college team, where he helped them to victory in the Viking Cup. Thanks guys for coming back and donating your time to work with our young stars. I should also mention two other former Avalanche players, Zach "clear the track" MacKinnon is now playing in Fort Saskatchewan for the Traders, and the big rugged defenseman Corry Bezpalko is also playing in Bonnyville for the Pontiacs.

Except for maybe the first period, the Pee wee Avalanche outplayed the Cold Lake Ice team Saturday afternoon but failed to find the combination to open the safe, losing a tough one at home. Brendon "the Road runner" Rainey scoring, assisted by Ken Stanley.

The Midget Girls Storm hosted Wainwright Friday night, the game ending in a five-all tie. Team captain Karly

Shankowski scoring twice, singles by Catherine "the Great" Campbell, Melanie Cadrin and the rookie Kelsey Vinge. Two assists for Sarah Proski and an assist for the unsung hero Kelsey Slywka. She's not flashy, seldom gets on the score sheet, but Kelsey's a stay-at-home defense woman, never caught out of position and can be counted on to do her job week after week. Also getting her debut on defense in this game and looking quite comfortable, Natalie Maas.

On Saturday morning the Storm played in the Vermilion tournament, losing the first game to Bentley. Melanie Cadrin was named the MVP in the game. The second game against Spruce Grove, the Storm won, sending them to the B final, Karly Shankowski the MVP for the Storm. Sarah Proski finished the game in net Saturday night after Amber Axley was given a well-deserved rest. On Sunday in the B final the Storm losing a close one 3 to 1 to Cold Lake, with goalie Amber Axley the MVP.

On Thursday night at 6 p.m. the Storm will be hosting Lac La Biche in the first game of the second round of provincial playoffs. Come on out, bring you drums, cowbells and air horns and make some noise.

A very physical game Friday night for the Bantam Colts who traveled to Mannville in the first game of the second round of provincial playoffs, the boys winning 6 to 3, Tanner Graff and Stetson MacDonald with

two each, Chevy Botting and Jordan MacDonald getting singles, Brett Pickford picking up three assists. This coming weekend the Colts will host Mannville in the second game of the two-game, total-point series.

On Saturday, the Colts traveled to the border city, coming home with two points, winning 5 to 3. Chevy Botting rang up two goals, Stetson MacDonald, Jordan MacDonald and "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas getting singles, Tanner Graff, Tyson Bristow, Jon "the Hammer" Schmitt and Brett Pickford assisting.

On Sunday afternoon the Colts had an early 5 to 1 lead but let this one slip away from them, the game ending in a 6-all tie. Tanner Graff and Stetson MacDonald with two each, Chevy Botting and "Dirty Harry" Harrison Maas with singles, Jon "the Hammer" Schmitt with two assists, Tanner Shankowski and Jordan MacDonald also assisting, Tyson Bristow laying out bone crushing big body checks.

And now for the K.A. Campbell's quote of the week. "The only thing I remember about it is that it was very cold." Last week's answer to: "You'd hold up three fingers and ask the guy 'How many fingers?' If he said 'two' or 'four,' you'd say: 'Close enough.'" - Peter Demers, longtime trainer with the Los Angeles Kings, on the early days of testing players for concussions.

Do you have any scoops? Please email them to sportshound007@hotmail.com



The Micro Novice Tornados played up a storm at Saturday's tournament, under the coaching of Al Ference and Megan Tucker.



AJHL scoring leader a big hit with Atom Avalanche

Elk Point Atom Avalanche was proud to welcome Bonnyville Junior A Pontiacs centre Mark Letestu to last Tuesday's practice. Letestu, who played four years of minor hockey in Elk Point before going on to play with St. Paul Junior B Canadiens before moving up to the Pontiacs, still lives in Elk Point. He is currently leading the Alberta Junior Hockey League scoring race, and the Pontiacs are currently sitting second in the league. He finds playing Junior A hockey is "awesome. We have lots of fun every day," and still has fond memories of his minor hockey days, especially the times when "we had a few buys like Kelly Reatt come to practice."

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